

Maine EMS Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2007, 9:30 A.M.  
De Champlain Conference Room  
Maine Department of Public Safety, Augusta, ME

Present: Dan Batsie - Chair, Brian Chamberlain, Tiffany Stebbins, Bill Zito,  
Dennis Russell, Carol Pillsbury

Staff: Drexell White

Guests: Dan Limmer, Eric Wellman, Steve Diaz

I. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Batsie

II. Introductions/ Public Comment

None required

III. Additions to Agenda

Committee Representation (Batsie)

IV. Acceptance of Past Minutes

April 11, 2007 Minutes were reviewed

**Motion: To accept the April 11, 2007 meeting minutes (Russell; second by Chamberlain – carries unanimously)**

V. Staff Report

Drexell reported that:

- Interviews have been scheduled for Education Committee Candidates
- The Exam Committee continues work on the Intermediate State written exam. The Exam Committee integrated the Airway update module into the revision, noting that the Intermediate 2004 curriculum will need to be updated to reflect those changes
- The EMS statute changes from the last Legislative session will go into effect on September 20, 2007

The committee briefly discussed the recent Maine EMS Board retreat. Retreat topics included system structure and funding.

## VI. Unfinished Business

### a. 12 Lead ECG Project

Dan Batsie reported that as of May 1, 2007, the Maine EMS Board –approved objectives for 12 lead training will be included in Maine Paramedic programs.

Dan Batsie is working with Bob Page to update page's 12 lead program. As of 2008. Page's program will meet the objectives.

Burkholder's program has been updated.

Committee members suggested that certificates from the aforementioned programs should include wording as to meeting the 12 lead objectives.

Dan Batsie and Drexell White will work on distributing 12 lead information.

## VII. Accreditation Work Session

Dennis Russell and Daryl Boucher have worked on accreditation and will present information at a later meeting.

## VIII. Protocol Revisions to Date and Impact

Dan Batsie reported that he had sent out the protocol change information for the Blue section.

Brian Chamberlain reported that he had performed a limited review of each section regarding protocol implementation impact. Brian will send a copy of his template to the committee.

The following persons will review protocol revisions for education impact:

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| ▪ Liz Delano                 | Red Section    |
| ▪ Dennis Russell, Dan Batsie | Blue Section   |
| ▪ Tiffany Stebbins           | Green Section  |
| ▪ Brian Chamberlain          | Pink Section   |
| ▪ Eric Wellman               | Gold Section   |
| ▪ Bill Zito                  | Yellow Section |

## IX. New Business

### a. Licensure Course Attendance Policies

The committee discussed whether there should be a standard attendance policy statewide for EMS licensure courses vs leaving attendance policies to the discretion of the educational entity. Given the wide range of policies, the different types of entities delivering EMS licensure courses, and that each entity works out attendance issues on a case-by-case basis, the committee voted to maintain the Maine EMS attendance policy format.

**Motion: That Maine EMS maintain its current course approval criteria for student attendance that requires program sponsors to identify and adhere to an attendance policy (Zito, second by Russell – carries unanimously)**

X. Assymetric Courses

Dan Limmer from York County Community College and Eric Wellman from Southern Maine Community College were on hand to discuss accreditation and asymmetric learning. Discussion included synchronus and asynchronus training models.

Consensus of the committee was that Dan Batsie, Brian Chamberlain, Dan Batsie and Eric Wellman would review options and current systems for education delivery and report back to the committee with a recommendation for distance learning.

XI. Additions Deletions – Committee Representation

Dan Batsie reported that Rhonda Chase has resigned from the committee. Tri-County EMS now has 2 vacancies.

Dan expressed concern that the May 2007 meeting could not be held due to a lack of a quorum and the need to notify him if a member is unable to attend.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting will be on August 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White